

MAKES PROTEST AGAINST AWARD

Arthur Cowsill Alleges He Was
Lowest Bidder on Lincoln
Memorial Building.

IS PROMISED A HEARING
AT THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Difficulties Over Contract With Con-
struction Company May Cause
Call for New Bids.

Difficulties are arising in connection with the contract which is to be made by the government for the building of the Lincoln memorial in Potomac Park which may make it necessary, it was said last night, to advertise for new bids for the structure.

Arthur Cowsill, a Washington builder, has filed with the Secretary of War a protest against the recent recommendation of the commission that the contract for building the memorial be awarded to the George A. Fuller Company.

Mr. Cowsill declares that he and not the Fuller company was the lowest bidder in the recent competition, and that the contract should be his by right. In fact, he says, the contract was awarded to the Fuller company on the basis of a bid which was not the lowest, and which was made by the company after it had been informed that it was the lowest bidder.

He says that the commission is carrying through the memorial to be constructed within the \$2,000,000 limit fixed by Congress, and that it will be necessary for authorization of an additional sum to be asked of Congress, of the granting of which there is said to be doubt.

The charge is also being made, in connection with the memorial, that the peculiar wording of the specifications contractors for all but one system of foundations are, in effect, discriminated from the contract, and that this one system is the patented property of one certain company.

Proposed Resolution of Inquiry.

Information in regard to Mr. Cowsill's protest was obtained, following the publication in The Star yesterday afternoon, that Representative Bell of Georgia had intended to introduce a resolution of inquiry in regard to the bidding for the building of the memorial, but that following a visit to the office of the Secretary of War he had decided to wait the action of that official. The Lincoln memorial commission, of which former President William Howard Taft is chairman, is required, by act of Congress, to select a contractor and oversee the construction of the memorial. The actual award of the contract is placed by Congress in the hands of the Secretary of War. The commission met in Washington September 25, and after a session of two days recommended to the Secretary of War, by formal resolution, that he make a contract with the George A. Fuller Company for \$1,557,820. The "extras" in connection with the building, and the expenses of the commission, which there is a fee of about \$100,000 for the architect, an item of \$50,000 for a statue of Lincoln, to be placed in the memorial, and will bring the total cost of the construction up to more than the two-million-dollar limit set by Congress. The commission decided to adopt "Colorado yule" marble as the material for the structure, and it was stated that the recommendation of the commission, if he thought he could get a few hundred thousand dollars more for the commission, if needed, to which he said he would give the Senate no peace until it voted the bill.

Assured of Hearing.

The Secretary of War has assured Mr. Cowsill that he will not make any contract until he has given the latter's protest consideration, and a similar promise has been made the Georgia delegation in Congress, led by Senator Bacon, Georgia marble having been the closest competitor to Colorado marble among the materials considered.

Aside from the public interest in the memorial, there has been great interest among Washington builders and contractors in the proposed building. In addition to Arthur Cowsill, J. J. Parsons was a bidder on the construction work, and several Washington firms bid on the foundations.

Mr. Cowsill thinks that the capability of Washington firms is called into question by the recommendation of the commission, and in his protest to the Secretary of War he declares that the record of Washington builders and contractors shows that they have in the record of the commission, and that the recommendation of the commission was made public before the commission was organized, and that the recommendation was made public before the commission was organized.

Mr. Cowsill's Protest.

Mr. Cowsill's bid for marble exterior and limestone interior (Georgia marble) was \$2,000,000. His protest to the Secretary of War is, in part, as follows:

"I submitted with my proposal samples of well known American quarries. The Colorado marble selected is one which its owners and promoters desire used in this

locality, so that their marble may become well known. The specifications state distinctly, and it is a condition of the award, that the marble shall be from a well known quarry. It is general report that for some time past attention has been given to the financing of this quarry, and now attention will be given to the output. Reports have been made that in the Denver post office, on which Colorado yule marble has been used, a number of cracks have developed. Ex-President W. H. Taft, chairman of the commission, read to the commission the following telegram from a special representative sent by the commission to investigate:

"It is true there are cracks in the Denver post office."

"A second telegram he read stated that there were knots spots and seams in the marble in the quarry. The specifications and requirements of the proposed state that the marble must be thoroughly seasoned and free from sap and shall not contain any staining material; it must be free from seams or any defect impairing its strength or durability, and shall be free from knots spots, spalls, chips, stains, discolorations or other defects marring its appearance."

A number of these conditions exist in the stone in the Colorado quarry, as evidenced by the telegram from the quarry by the special representative who went to investigate.

Substitute Offer Alleged.

"The George A. Fuller Company agent went again before the commission and made a substitute offer to complete the building, less expenses to architect, the commission, etc., for \$2,000,000 less \$10,000, leaving the commission only \$10,000 for any possible lawsuits, contingencies and the completion of vast amount of work left undone if the award to George A. Fuller Company is finally made."

"Having submitted a legitimate and advantageous proposal to this commission and to the United States, it is not just and fair to permit one contractor who is not the lowest and who did not submit the most advantageous proposal for this work to come in and fix the thing up for the architect to permit concessions to him not granted to the other bidders. None of the other bidders was permitted to even make a suggestion of a single modification from their regular proposal submitted in good faith and expecting fair and just treatment."

"It is believed that by the acceptance of this substitute bid from George A. Fuller Company, if the award is made and a contract entered into with it, the government is making many concessions permitted by the architect, the memorial will not be constructed in accordance with the authorization of Congress, so much work being eliminated, other work modified and cheapened."

"The terrace wall inclosing the raised dais for the twenty-eight foot walk around the memorial being omitted will leave the memorial, relatively speaking, of the same appearance as if a handsome picture frame was removed from a picture on the wall in an art gallery."

"These terrace walls, which the Fuller Company was allowed to cut off, and which are no small item, form the setting for the memorial, adding to its glory and dignity and better appearance."

"As an American citizen I protest against this unfair and unjust award to the Fuller Company, and I will continue to fight until the memorial is awarded to the George A. Fuller Company of a second proposal."

Declares He Offered Superior Marble

"My proposal offered a superior marble from a well known American quarry, having the capacity and plant necessary to quarry and cut the stone of the large sizes required. A sample of this material was submitted to the commission, and in which the marble has been in position over six years, therefore fully tested by the elements."

"The Washington builders are not afraid to enter into any open competition with outsiders, when everything is fair and square, but do not submit to the action of a shuffler or unfair substitution of the marble, and the commission to the award of this work to a firm that is recognized as an out-of-town New York bidder, at a price much higher in cost than the local bidders offered."

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ENGLAND CALLED LAND OF BONDAGE

Lloyd-George Opens Cam-
paign to Exterminate Land
Monopolies.

BARRICADES ERECTED
AGAINST SUFFRAGETTES

Firemen and Police Used to Prevent
Disturbances of "Wild
Women."

LONDON, October 11.—The campaign to "free British land from landlordism and get the people back on it" was opened today at Bedford by Chancellor David Lloyd-George.

Extraordinary precautions had been taken against the militant suffragettes and other possible disturbers of the meeting. Barricades had been erected and the local police reinforced, while the fire brigade was in readiness to use its hose should any attempt be made to rush the hall. Men were posted on the roof and in the garret of the hall to spy out the "wild women" who it was suspected would try to repeat the tactics they had previously adopted.

Called Great Monopoly.

"Landlordism is the greatest monopoly in this land," Lloyd-George said, "and the people are trusting in the government to put forth its strong right hand to lift them from the mire. The authority of the sovereign is not comparable to that of the landlord over his subjects. He could make and maintain a wilderness and he has legal authority to do more than any foreign enemy could impose on the country after a conquest. In Ireland millions have been driven away from the land by legal process."

Lloyd-George proceeded to tell of the "chastity failure" of the land system of Great Britain. "The percentage of cultivated land here is lower than in any other country of Europe," he said. "This state of affairs is due to the fatuous and unbusinesslike methods of the landlords."

Scale of Wages Low.

"The agricultural laborers of the British Isles receive lower pay and work longer hours than any others. It is a scandal that 30 per cent of the farm laborers of this country are in receipt of a scale of living lower than that of the poorhouse. The entire wages of the farm laborers of England and Wales amount to only \$125,000,000 a year, whereas the parson and the landlord get \$150,000,000 out of it."

"Much as I love the parson, I would pay the laborer first. It is no wonder that scores of thousands are fleeing across the seas from such a land of mean bondage."

State's Aid Necessary.

The chancellor in unfolding the government's scheme for the improvement of the land system pointed out that the financial aid of the state would have to be invoked in order to deal firmly, thoroughly and drastically with the monopoly.

"The country must choose," he continued, "between the power of the land owners and the prosperity of the laborers. It is no use temporizing. All the conditions of the monopoly must be recast and put on a fair business footing before considering the purchase of the land, which might involve an enormous expenditure to the present owners and burden the community with a debt which it would take a long time to liquidate."

Reforms Advocated.

"The game preserves in the British Isles must be reduced by two-thirds, and the best labor must be drawn to the land by a good living wage, shorter hours and comfortable homes. The laborer must have land enough to provide himself and his family with garden produce and the prospect of ultimately attaining a small farm. Experts must be provided to instruct the cultivator, facilities given him to market his produce cheaply and an end put to the system by which certain railroads give undue preference to foreign produce."

"The system of rating must be changed and greater facilities given to the state to acquire land on terms fair to the community as well as to the owner. Powerful aid from the state, both by legislation, administration and finance, will be evoked to carry out all these purposes and to put them into effective operation."

TELL OF OFFICER'S MURDER.

Copper Strikers Say Man Now Dead
Shot Deputy Sheriff.

CALUMET, Mich., October 11.—According to the confessions of Lukka Piese and George Briski, copper strikers, made today to Prosecuting Attorney Lucas, Deputy Sheriff James Pollock, Jr., who was killed at the Isle Royale mine Wednesday morning, was shot by Joseph Manerich. Manerich was shot by Pollock and died Thursday night. The nine men implicated in the affair were last night arraigned on the charge of murder and the examination was adjourned for two weeks. Six, including Piese and Briski, have confessed.

Briski declared that the party of strikers started out with the intention of attacking Pollock. Piese said when they met Pollock the deputy shot Manerich, and that he then held Pollock's arms, while Manerich wrestled away the revolver and shot Pollock with it.

Briski corroborated this part of the story. The weak point in the confessions is that the bullet taken from Pollock's head was of different caliber than that of Pollock's gun.

The strikers were orderly this morning.

Coal Freight Increase Suspended.

An increase of 15 cents a ton in the freight rate on anthracite from the Wyoming district, in Pennsylvania, to tidewater, at Perth Amboy, N. J., proposed by the Lehigh Valley railroad, was suspended today by the interstate commerce commission until February 14. The general question of rates on anthracite is now under investigation by the commission.

Redfield Leaves to Register.

Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce left Washington yesterday for New York for the purpose of registering.

When the Secretary returns Monday next U. Grant Smith, his private secretary, will join the trip to New York to prepare himself to cast his vote.

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8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in.	27.50	22.50
9 ft. by 12 ft.	30.00	24.75

Seamless Velvet Rugs

Size	Worn	Reduced to
9 ft. by 12 ft.	\$22.50	\$17.50

Royal Wilton Rugs

Size	Worn	Reduced to
6 ft. by 9 ft.	\$29.50	\$22.25
8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in.	41.50	27.75
9 ft. by 12 ft.	44.50	31.50
10 ft. 6 in. by 12 ft.	55.00	42.50
10 ft. 6 in. by 13 ft. 6 in.	60.00	47.50

Sewed Axminster Rugs

Size	Worn	Reduced to
8 ft. 3 in. by 10 ft. 6 in.	\$22.50	\$17.25
9 ft. by 12 ft.	24.50	19.75

Seamless Velvet Rugs

Size	Worn	Reduced to
9 ft. by 12 ft.	\$25.00	\$20.50
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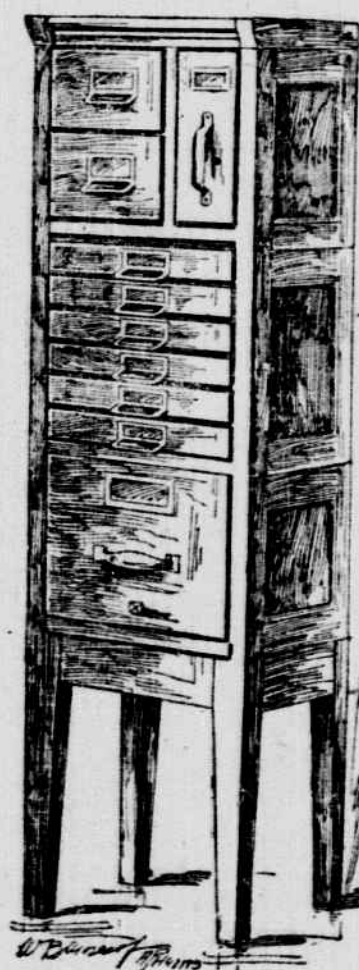
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.40	.20	.90	.45	.75	.60
.50	.25	.65	.50	1.80	.65
.60	.30	1.25	.50	1.10	.85
.65	.33	.80	.60	1.25	.90
.50	.35	.90	.60	1.50	.90

Worn	Now	Worn	Now	Worn	Now
\$0.35	\$0.25	\$0.20	\$0.10	\$0.20	\$0.10
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.60	.30	.30	.20	.25	.10
.55	.35	.40	.20	.20	.12
.75	.38	.40	.25	.20	.12
.60	.40	.35	.25	.25	.15
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